

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
in and for the STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF THE)	
NOTICE OF INTENT AND RECLAMATION PLAN)	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
SUBMITTED BY VIPONT MINES, LTD.,)	NO. ACT/003/005
VIPONT MINE, BOX ELDER COUNTY, UTAH.)	

THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL
AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN TOWNSHIPS
14 and 15 NORTH, RANGES 17 and 18 WEST, SLBM, BOX ELDER COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given that tentative approval was given to
Vipont Mines, Ltd., Box 267, Oakley, Idaho 83346, by the Utah Division
of Oil, Gas, and Mining, to commence tailings reclamation and underground
mining on portions of Sections 6 and 7, Township 14 North, Range 17
West; Section 36, Township 15 North, Range 18 West; Section 31,
Township 15 North, Range 17 West; Sections 1 - 12, Township 14 North,
Range 18 West, SLBM, Box Elder County, Utah. The name of the mine
is the Vipont Mine; and the person representing the company in this
matter is Mr. Thomas F. Miller, Box 267, Oakley, Idaho 83346. Vipont
Mines, Ltd. has fulfilled obligations under the Mined Land Reclamation
Act of 1974 (Section 40-8, U.C.A., 1953, as amended) and will employ
the following reclamation techniques on approximately 4 acres which
comprise the land affected.

During Operations:

- a. Recently dumped waste-rock that encroaches upon Pipe Spring
Creek will be cleared from the channel.
- b. Tailings will be removed from Birch Creek with the following
stipulations:
 1. Machinery cannot work within or cross the active
stream channel.
 2. An undisturbed buffer strip of at least 5 feet will
be left open on each side of the stream channel where
vegetation exists. Stretches of the stream where
high banks of tailings are contiguous are exempt
from the requirement.

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3. Reclaim and revegetate, with an approved seed mixture, the stream-bank concurrently, in as much as possible, with tailings removal.
 4. Notify the Division and the State Engineer prior to any stream diversions.
 5. Repair the breach in the dike at the tailings disposal site.
 6. Place reworked tailings within an existing, presently breached dam that is partially vegetated.
 7. Toxic materials will be safeguarded; the mine and leaching area will be thoroughly posted and secured.
 8. Heap-leaching operations will be conducted in a closed system with no discharge.
- c. Mining will be conducted in a safe, orderly and workmanlike manner.

After Operations:

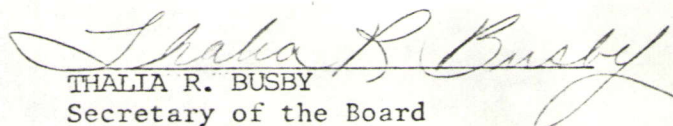
- a. Ponds, buildings, and roads will be utilized for on-going livestock operations.
- b. Regrade and reseed disturbed areas with a Division approved seed mixture.
- c. If necessary, upgrade the diversion of Pipe Spring Creek around the tailings disposal site.
- d. All underground entries will be sealed against unauthorized or accidental entry.

Reclamation performance surety will be established upon final approval of the reclamation plan.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision is hereby requested to submit written protest within 30 days from May , 1979 to the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, 1588 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116, setting forth factual reasons for their complaint, and thereafter, at a time and place heretobe established, appear before the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining, to show cause if any there be, why this plan should not be approved.

DATED this 30th day of April, 1979.

BOARD OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING


THALIA R. BUSBY
Secretary of the Board